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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PENGUIN ISLANDS

THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONTACT GROUP MAY WANT TO KEEP IN MIND THE CONTINGENCY THAT THE PENGUIN ISLANDS (THE 12 ISLANDS, ISLETS AND ROCKS STRUNG ALONG JUST OFF THE NAMIBIAN COAST BETWEEN WALVIS BAY AND ORANJEMUND) MIGHT AT SOME POINT COME INTO CONTENTION MUCH AS WALVIS BAY HAS, THOUGH WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO INDICATION THAT SWAPO INTENDS TO CLAIM THEY ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA AS IN THE CASE OF WALVIS BAY. BOTHA THE BAY AND THE ISLANDS WERE ANNEXED IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE 19TH CENTURY TO WHAT ULTIMATELY BECAME THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCE IN THE POLITICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE ISLANDS AND WALVIS BAY IS THAT THE ISLANDS HAVE BEEN CONTINUALLY ADMINISTERED FROM SOUTH AFRICA SINCE ANNEXATION WHILE WALVIS BAY WAS ADMINISTERED FROM WINDHOEK BETWEEN 1922 AND 1977.
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